

Scruton Parish Council



Village Newsletter Sept / Oct 2017

Double Issues of the Newsletter

You will have noticed that the newsletter is regularly coming out (late) in a double issue. This is less than desirable but just a bit of a fact of life at present for your busy editor!

The Parish Council could do with some help producing the newsletter, and in fact would welcome a volunteer stepping forward to take over the role. Anyone interested, please contact Janet Crampton on 748321.

Victorian Sampler

140 years on and a Victorian Sampler has returned to the old schoolroom where it was sewn.

A former pupil of Scruton Village School, Sarah Moss, sewed the sampler in 1877 when she was 12 years old. Sarah was born in Scruton in 1865 but eventually moved away, perhaps on marriage, died in 1918 and is buried in Sharow Churchyard near Ripon.

Her handiwork was returned to the village by Sarah's great-granddaughter Linda Walton.

In the fashion of the time, the sampler is an exercise in needlecraft and depicts biblical extracts, and alphabetic patterns.

It has been cleaned and reframed by SPC Chair Janet Crampton and was unveiled by our County Councillor Annabel Wilkinson.



The Sewing Ward

Congratulations to Harriet Ward for the start of her new venture last month - The Sewing Ward. Many villagers already know Harriet's many skills as a seamstress and running a craft business whilst raising her two children. Her dream of having her own studio where she can run craft classes sharing her love of sewing and teaching others these traditional skills has now come to fruition.

Thanks to the support of her family and her hard work what was once part of an old cow shed at Street Farm where her father-in-law grew up is now home to a pretty studio.

Harriet is running classes to teach specific skills and create certain items, as well as club sessions where people can come along and work on their own projects alongside like-minded friends, with Harriet on hand for support. The Sewing Ward may be a play on her surname, but also pulls together the ideas that she can 'fix' your sewing problems as well as offering the soothing therapy of being creative as part of everyone's mental health and wellbeing.

To find out more about Harriet's style and enthusiasms and the workshops and retail items she offers, contact her at The Barn, Scruton, Northallerton, DL7 0RD (through the arched gate - the workshop is in the court yard), or on 07846 990742 or email at harrietward@outlook.com

Old £1 coin deadline

Don't forget old £1 coins will be no longer valid after 15th October 2017. Check your pockets, purses and piggybanks and make sure they're spent or handed in to a bank. Shops do not have to accept them after 15th October but banks may.



Charity Christmas Card

St Radegund's Church Council is going to produce a Christmas Card for Christmas 2017 and the committee is looking for a suitable photograph of Scruton. If you have a photograph that you think would make an attractive Village Christmas Card for 2017 and /or you have a charity that you'd like to put forward as a recipient of the proceeds, please phone Keith or Joan Walker on 748458 or email them at keithandjoanwalker@gmail.com

Dates for Your Diary

All events are 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, unless specified otherwise.

✦ 11th October – Screen Scruton *Their Finest*

The year is 1940, London. A former secretary, newly appointed as a scriptwriter for propaganda films, joins the cast and crew of a major production while the Blitz rages around them. Directed by Lone Scherfig. Starring: Gemma Arterton, Sam Claflin and Bill Nighy.

✦ 21st October – Charity Coffee Morning in aid of St Radegund's Church

✦ 8th November – Screen Scruton *Hidden Figures*

The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. Directed by Ted Melfi. Starring: Taraji Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe and Kevin Costner.

✦ 18th November – Christmas Market

✦ 13th December – Screen Scruton *La La Land*

While waiting for their big breaks, two proper L.A. dreamers, a suavely- charming, soft-spoken jazz pianist and a brilliant, vivacious playwright, attempt to reconcile aspirations and relationship in a magical old-school romance. Directed by Damien Chazella. Starring: Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone and John Legend.

Domino Drives

... are held monthly in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on the third Saturday, including the Christmas Festive Domino Drive. Tickets are £2.00 per player, plus a raffle, and proceeds go to the Village Hall Committee general fundraising.

Charity Coffee Mornings

... are held on the morning of the third Saturday 10-12 a.m. Each month a different charity or local fundraising cause has the opportunity to benefit from a coffee morning.

For the list of available dates and more information, please contact Bozz Leach on 748357.



Kirkby Fleetham WI

All meetings at 7.00 or 7.30 p.m. (variable) in KF Village Hall unless stated otherwise.

12th October – Hurdy Gurdy – Steve Lane

9th November – AGM and Annual Show

14th December – Christmas Supper

For more information about KFWI, please contact President Val Tait on 748722

Thank You Slot

This time it's a thank you from the Parish Council to all the villagers who are involved in Scruton Station Heritage Project. Many of you will have already become aware that this is an award-winning project receiving accolades at regional and national levels and in competition with huge household-name museums.

Costume enactments performed by volunteers from the village, and neighbouring villages, have attracted school parties and other interest groups all of whom have benefited from the careful curation of authentic artifacts and an imaginative educational programme.

It is perhaps unfair to mention individuals when so many are involved, some more in the background than others, but this work would not have succeeded if it had not been for the sheer 'stickability' of Joan and Keith Walker, and the inspirational leadership of heritage officer Virginia Arrowsmith.

Work continues, behind the scenes, to find grants to sustain the project and provide funding for the future. It is with some pleasure and not a little irony that we note that Wensleydale Railway (which has not always actively supported the Scruton Station project) now describes us as "the jewel in the WR crown".

Well done Virginia and her band of volunteers!

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Parish Council Meetings

The last meeting in this calendar year is **16th** November (please note new change of date).

Meetings are normally held in the Coore Memorial Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. with a 10 minute open forum for parishioners. All are welcome to attend.